

VIRGINIA!

Richmond and Petersburg
Taken!

Colored Troops the First to Enter
the Slaveholders' Capital.

THE REBELS LEAVE IN HASTE.

Gen. Grant Attempting to Cut Off
Lee's Escape.

A PORTION OF RICHMOND ON FIRE!

The Citizens Welcome the Union Troops.

Details of the Late Battles from
Our Correspondents.

THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE NORTH.

Official Dispatches.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, }
Monday April 3-10 a. m. }

To Major-Gen. DIX: The following telegram from the President, announcing the EVACUATION OF PETERSBURG and probably of RICHMOND, has just been received by this Department.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

CITY POINT, Va. }

Monday, April 3-9.30 a. m. }

To the Hon. EDWIN M. STANTON, Sec. of War. This morning Lieut.-Gen. Grant reports Petersburg evacuated, and he is confident that Richmond also is evacuated.

He is pushing forward to cut off, if possible, the retreating Rebel army. A. LINCOLN.

SECOND DISPATCH.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., }

Monday, April 3-10 a. m. }

To Major-Gen. DIX: It appears from a dispatch of Gen. Weitzel's, just received by this Department, that our forces under his command ARE IN RICHMOND, having taken it at 8.15 this morning.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

THIRD DISPATCH.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, }

Monday, April 3-12 m. }

To Major-Gen. DIX: The following official confirmation of the capture of Richmond, and the announcement that the city is on fire, has been received.

E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

CITY POINT, Va. }

Monday, April 3-11 a. m. }

To EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War. Gen. Weitzel telegraphs as follows: "We took Richmond at 8.15 this morning. I captured many guns. The enemy left in great haste. The city is on fire in one place. Am making every effort to put it out."

"The people receive us with enthusiastic expressions of joy."

"Gen. Grant started early this morning with the army, toward the Danville road, to cut off Lee's retreating army, if possible."

"President Lincoln has gone to the front."

T. S. BOWERS, A. A. Gen.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Full Details of the Fighting.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Monday, April 3, 1865.

Capt. Ira M. Burritt, former staff officer in the Army of the Potomac, now chief special correspondent of The Cincinnati Gazette in that army, arrived at the front one day after the fighting began. His account of matters down to the 2d instant is, therefore, a little delayed, but it is so concise and clear as to still warrant transmission in full.

PREPARATORY OPERATIONS.

HQs. ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, April 1-10 p. m. As you doubtless have accounts of the operations in progress here up to yesterday, I will confine myself to a brief synopsis.

The heaviest fighting has been done by the Fifth Corps and Sheridan's Cavalry.

THE FIFTH CORPS.

On Wednesday morning the Fifth Corps moved down the Halifax road and crossed Rowanty Creek, taking then a south-westerly course until it reached the Vaughan road. It moved up the Vaughan to the Quaker Road, turned to the right, keeping on this road until within a mile of the Boydton Plank-road, when they met the enemy. Gen. Griffin, with the First Division attacked, and Gen. Crawford forming the Third Division on Griffin's left, met the enemy on the Butler farm, but pushed them back and reached the Boydton road.

ON THURSDAY

morning the whole Fifth Corps line advanced across the Boydton road with little opposition. In the afternoon Gen. Ayres, commanding the Second Division, moved one brigade across Gravelly Run and kept it there during the night.

FRIDAY.

The next morning Ayres's whole division crossed the Run, supported by Gen. Crawford's. After advancing a mile or more through a wooded country, broken occasionally into small clearings, the enemy was discovered in force. Gen. Ayres advanced Winthrop's Brigade, while the rest of his division and that of Gen. Crawford were forming in the rear.

A REBEL ATTACK.

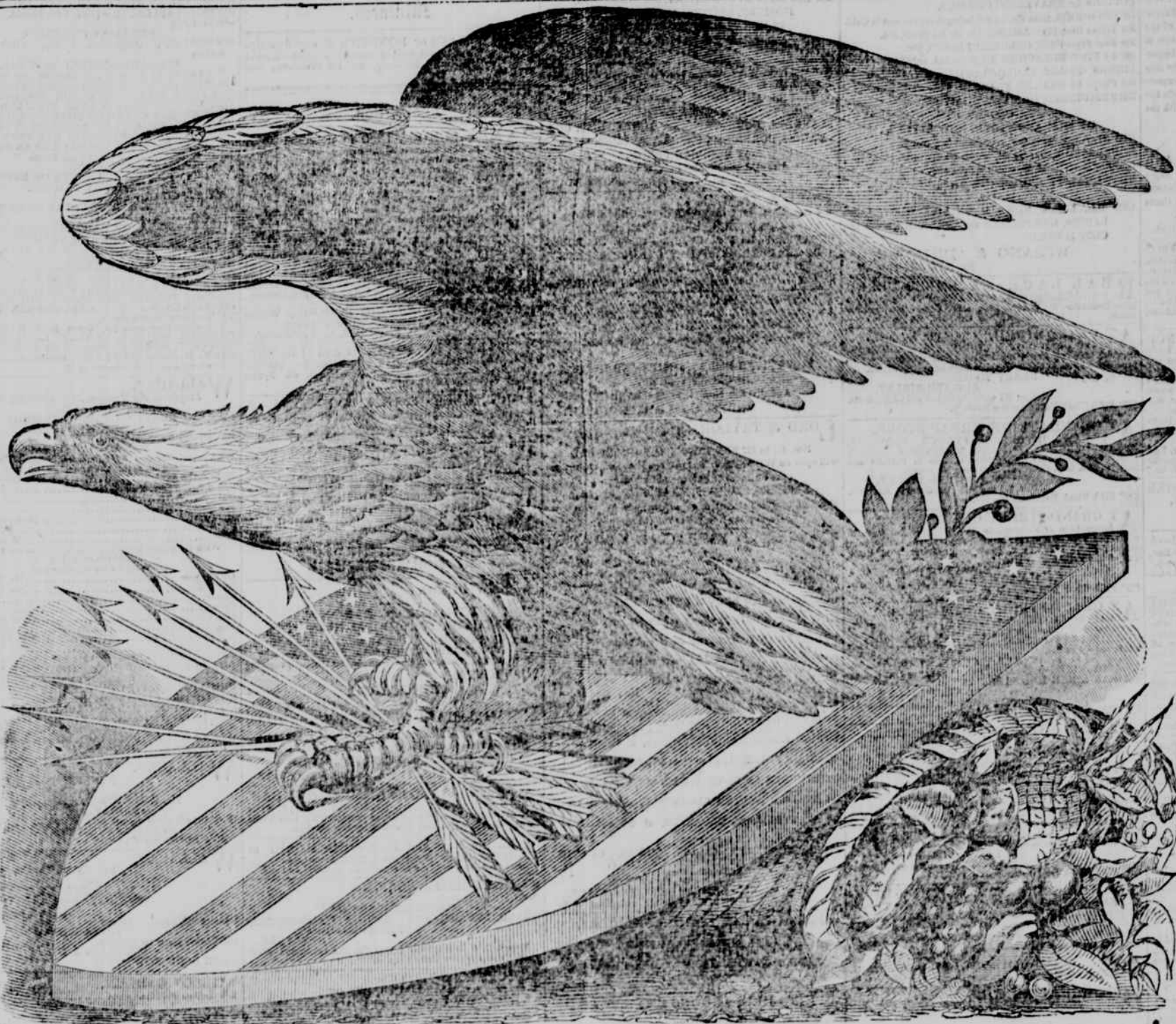
Before they had completed the deployment, however, and while the greater part of the Third Division was

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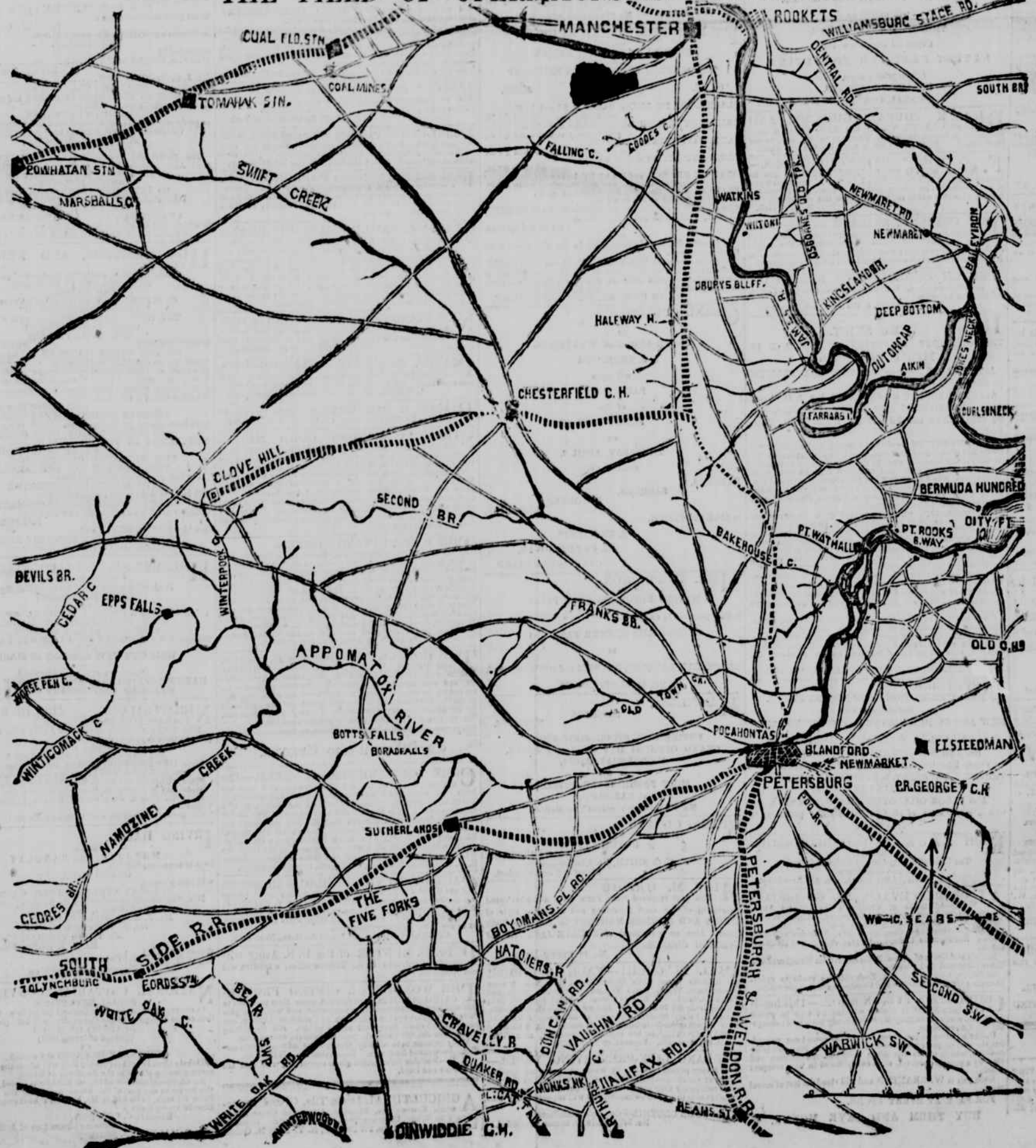
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THE FIELD OF OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA.



yet in mass, Johnson's Rebel Division charged Winthrop's single brigade, driving it back in some disorder, while at the same time Pickett's Division struck our two divisions in the left flank, attacking with more than its usual impetuosity.

FALLING BACK.

Both Ayres's and Crawford's men fought stubbornly, but at length fell back across the run, where the First Division and several batteries of artillery, which had been placed in position by Gen. Warren, covered the crossing, and drove back the enemy, who advanced cautiously with heavy loss.

A SECOND ADVANCE.

About two o'clock p. m. the whole Corps again advanced over the same ground, retaking all the positions from which they had been driven in the morning, and moved forward to White Oak Road, some two miles beyond Gravelly Run, capturing a battle-flag and a number of prisoners. In this position the troops rested during the night.

SATURDAY.

This (Saturday) morning at seven o'clock the Fifth Corps was again in motion, passing to the left, along the White Oak Road, to join Gen. Sheridan.

A DIFFICULT MOVEMENT.

They have executed the difficult movement of marching by a flank in the presence of the enemy, withdrawing the divisions in rear of each other, and marching them off successively from right to left, the left division (Crawford's) executing the same movement by brigade.

CONDUCT OF TROOPS.

The conduct of the troops has been above praise. Their loss has been severe in killed and wounded, the wounded being the heaviest in the Third Division, but was next to nothing in prisoners.

THE IRON BRIGADE.

The remnant of the old Iron Brigade of Crawford's Division, composed of the 6th and 7th Wisconsin with the 91st New-York, lately attached, commanded by Col. John A. Kellogg of the 6th, sustained their previous reputation.

BRAVE OFFICERS.

Brevet Lieut.-Col. D. B. Bailey of the 6th Wisconsin, commanded the 14th New-York in the Third Brigade, and together with Major H. A. Laycock of the veteran 96th Penn., was conspicuous for refusing to dismount and riding at the head of the brigade in the charge. Col. Bailey had his right hand shattered by a bullet early in the day, but insisted on leading his command in the afternoon.

SECOND CORPS.

While these events were taking place the Second Corps moved toward White Oak road by a more direct route from the left of our intrenchments than that taken by the Fifth, and established a connection with the right of the latter. It was sharply engaged yesterday, but lost less than the Fifth. Gen. Humphreys now occupies the line vacated by Warren's movement to the support of Sheridan, having extended to the left for that purpose.

GEN. SHERIDAN.

Meanwhile Sheridan, with four cavalry divisions, Custer's, Merritt's, Crook's and Kautz's, passing around the left of the whole army, went through Dinwiddie Court House, and toward the Southside road, with his usual rapidity.

THE REBELS WATCHING HIM.

The force which drove Crawford and Ayres across Gravelly Run, however, at once turned their attention to him, moving rapidly to the right, and after a desperate conflict he also was forced back within a mile of Dinwiddie Court house.

AGAIN ON THE WAR PATH.

This morning he again took the initiative, however, having been joined by Gen. Warren and has been driving in his turn. Heavy firing both of artillery and musketry could be heard away on the left at nightfall this evening showing that he and Warren are there at work, and at this late hour the booming of artillery in that direction is incessant. Some discharges of musketry have also taken place along the Second Corps tonight as well as cannonading in the direction of the Appomattox. Everything is going well, and officers and men alike are hopeful of the result of the great crash which will come to-morrow.

PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY.

Gen. Wright is to attack with the whole Sixth Corps at 6 o'clock to-morrow.

LATER

April 2, 4 o'clock, a. m.

SUCCESS OF SHERIDAN.

The last heard from Sheridan was about midnight. He was then at Five Forks, the junction of the White Oak and Ford roads. He and Warren had taken about four thousand prisoners and several batteries of artillery. He was joined last evening by Miles's Division of the Second Corps, and with the four corps of cavalry and four of infantry he pushed westward for the Southside road, which he is expected to reach at an early hour this forenoon.

CASUALTY.

Brevet Brig. Gen. Fred. Winthrop was killed during the fighting of the Fifth Corps yesterday.

THE REBELS ACTIVE.

Several attempts have been made during the early part of the night to break through the lines of the Second Corps on our left. Gen. Miles has retaliated with a demonstration which reached the abatis in front of the Rebel works along White Oak road. About 3 o'clock a. m. the Rebels made a prolonged and desperate assault upon the part of our line held by Gen. Ord on the right of the Second Corps.

LOSSES.

Our losses day before yesterday are reported at 1,500 killed and wounded, and a few prisoners. Owing to the lateness of the hour to which fighting was kept up last evening on the left, no accurate estimate of the casualties can be made as yet.

LEE'S ARMY.

Prisoners taken from all the corps of Lee's army show that it has not been weakened by sending a single division south.

SHORT OF CANNON.

As I write the opening volleys of Wright's charge in front of Fort Fisher are heard. The amount of artillery in use shows a scarcity of cannon on the Rebel side.

Whether Wright is successful or not, few fears are entertained that Sheridan will take the Southside Railroad.

Saturday's Fighting—Continued Success.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Monday, April 4, 1865.

One of our special correspondents (F. D.) in the Army of the Potomac, under date of April 2 a. m., writes as follows:

GRANT'S HEADQUARTERS.

Gen. Grant yesterday moved his headquarters to the Vaughan road, about half a mile west of Hatcher's Run.

SUCCESS OF SHERIDAN.

Glorious news has just arrived from Sheridan. He has struck the Southside Railroad, which he now holds. In the engagement yesterday afternoon he captured 4,000 prisoners and several batteries of artillery.

THE FIFTH CORPS.

The Fifth Corps, which was supporting the cavalry, have also taken 15 guns and about 2,000 prisoners, enabling Sheridan to drive back the force which in the latter part of yesterday checked his advance in the vicinity of Dinwiddie Court House.

AN ATTACK ORDERED.

On receiving this news it was determined to give the enemy no time to send troops to their right, and at once a simultaneous attack was ordered all along the line by the Ninth, Sixth, Twenty-fourth and Second Corps.

ITS SUCCESS.

The order was given about nine o'clock at night, and in less than an hour a furious assault began on the Rebel intrenchments in the fronts of their several commands, resulting in the enemy being driven in confusion from their first into their second line of works, with a loss of over 5,000 prisoners, several forts and about 30 pieces of artillery.

THE SECOND CORPS.

was engaged all day with the enemy in their front, and in spite of the terrible fire of musketry poured into

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